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Interviews: 1,002 adults
Dates: September 7-10, 2007

48 Male
52 Female
[109]

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Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

The margin of error for 1,002 interviews is ± 3.1%

Unless otherwise noted by a "+", all previous data shown reflects responses among all adults.

1. All in all, do you think that things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

	<u>9/07</u>	<u>7/07</u>	<u>6/07</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>1/07</u>	<i>High 9/01</i>	<i>Low 7/92+</i>	
Headed in the right direction.....	25	19	19	22	25	28	72	14	
Off on the wrong track.....	63	67	68	66	58	57	11	71	
Mixed (VOL).....	9	11	11	12	14	13	11	9	
Not sure.....	3	3	2	-	3	2	6	6	[138]
	<u>12/06</u>	<u>10/28- 30/06+</u>	<u>10/13- 16/06+</u>	<u>9/30- 10/2/06+</u>	<u>9/8- 11/06+</u>	<u>7/06</u>	<u>6/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>	
	28	29	26	29	31	27	27	24	
	58	56	61	58	54	60	61	67	
	11	13	11	11	12	11	10	7	
	3	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	
	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>11/05</u>	<u>10/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	
	26	31	30	26	28	32	34	35	
	62	57	59	63	59	57	52	52	
	9	10	8	8	10	8	12	10	
	3	2	3	3	3	3	2	3	
	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	
	34	42	40	41	39	39	36	36	
	51	48	47	46	48	49	50	48	
	12	8	10	11	10	10	12	14	
	3	2	3	2	3	2	2	2	

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	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>
Headed in the right direction.....	36	33	41	47	56	41	43	38
Off on the wrong track.....	48	50	49	43	30	48	47	50
Mixed (VOL).....	14	14	5	6	9	8	6	8
Not sure.....	2	3	5	4	5	3	3	4
	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>
	42	49	62	36	43	44	42	40
	44	38	22	47	42	42	43	42
	9	8	13	14	13	14	12	14
	4	5	3	3	2	-	3	4
	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>9/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>10/00</u>
	52	53	62	70	72	43	45	48
	31	28	20	15	11	39	36	32
	14	15	14	12	11	14	15	18
	3	4	4	3	6	4	4	2

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- 2a. For statistical purposes only, would you please tell me how old you are? (IF "REFUSED," ASK:) Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24.....	7	[139-140]
25-29.....	8	
30-34.....	12	
35-39.....	6	
40-44.....	8	
45-49.....	9	
50-54.....	11	
55-59.....	10	
60-64.....	10	
65-69.....	5	
70-74.....	6	
75 and over.....	8	
Not sure/refused.....	-	

- 2b. To ensure that we have a representative sample, would you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

Yes, Hispanic.....	11	[141]
No, not Hispanic.....	89	
Not sure/refused.....	-	

- 2c. And again, for statistical purposes only, what is your race—white, black, Asian, or something else?

White.....	76	[142]
Black.....	11	
Asian.....	1	
Other.....	3	
Hispanic (VOL).....	9	
Not sure/refused.....	-	

3a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing as president?

	<u>9/07</u>	<u>7/07</u>	<u>6/07</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>1/07</u>	<u>High 11/01</u>	<u>Low 6/07</u>	[143]
Approve.....	33	31	29	35	35	35	88	29	
Disapprove.....	61	63	66	60	60	60	7	66	
Not sure.....	6	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	
		10/28-	10/13-	9/30-	9/8-				
	<u>12/06</u>	<u>30/06+</u>	<u>16/06+</u>	<u>10/2/06+</u>	<u>11/06+</u>	<u>7/06</u>	<u>6/06</u>		
	34	39	38	39	42	39	37		
	61	57	57	56	53	56	58		
	5	4	5	5	5	5	5		
		<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>11/05</u>	<u>10/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>
		36	37	39	39	38	39	40	46
		57	58	54	55	57	54	55	49
		7	5	7	6	5	7	5	5
		<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>
		47	48	50	50	49	49	47	47
		47	46	45	44	44	47	48	48
		6	6	5	6	7	4	5	5
		<u>7/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>
		48	45	47	50	54	58	52	51
		46	49	46	46	41	34	41	44
		6	6	7	5	6	9	7	5
							<u>3/29-</u>		
		<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>30/03</u>	<u>3/23/03</u>	<u>3/17/03</u>	<u>2/03¹</u>
		49	56	62	71	66	67	62	61
		45	38	31	23	29	28	33	31
		6	6	7	6	5	5	5	8
		<u>1/03</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>5/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>4/01</u>
		54	63	64	67	69	75	74	57
		40	31	30	27	23	18	20	22
		6	6	6	6	8	7	6	21

¹Overnight poll conducted after Colin Powell's speech to the United Nations.

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

3b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling the economy?

	<u>9/07</u>	<u>7/07</u>	<u>6/07</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>1/07</u>	<i>High 12/01</i>	<i>Low 11/05</i>	[144]
Approve.....	38	38	36	40	44	40	63	34	
Disapprove.....	57	56	57	51	49	53	25	60	
Not sure.....	5	6	7	9	7	7	12	6	
	<u>12/06</u>	<u>10/28-</u> <u>30/06+</u>	<u>10/13-</u> <u>16/06+</u>	<u>9/30-</u> <u>10/2/06+</u>	<u>9/8-</u> <u>11/06+</u>	<u>7/06</u>	<u>6/06</u>		
	40	46	44	41	43	41	38		
	54	48	52	53	52	53	56		
	6	6	4	6	5	6	6		
	<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>11/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>		
	35	36	39	39	38	40	39		
	60	58	54	55	57	55	54		
	5	6	7	6	5	5	7		
	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>		
	43	41	46	47	44	45	45		
	51	53	50	47	51	52	51		
	6	6	4	6	5	3	4		
	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>		
	43	45	41	45	49	48	50		
	52	49	53	51	45	46	44		
	5	6	6	4	6	6	5		
	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>		
	43	45	47	49	44	47	48		
	52	48	45	42	49	45	44		
	6	7	8	9	7	8	8		
	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>		
	48	49	57	61	63	63	52		
	43	43	34	30	27	25	27		
	9	8	9	9	10	12	21		

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3c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling the situation in Iraq?

	<u>9/07</u>	<u>7/07</u>	<u>6/07</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>1/07</u>	<u>12/06</u>	[145]
Approve.....	30	22	26	27	27	28	23	
Disapprove.....	66	72	68	66	67	67	71	
Not sure.....	4	6	6	7	6	5	6	
	<u>30/06+</u>	<u>10/28-</u> <u>16/06+</u>	<u>10/13-</u> <u>11/06+</u>	<u>9/8-</u> <u>7/06</u>	<u>6/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	
	34	33	38	34	35	33	35	
	63	63	57	61	61	62	61	
	3	4	5	5	4	5	4	
	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>11/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>		
	39	36	32	37	39	44		
	56	60	64	58	55	52		
	5	4	4	5	6	4		

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4. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that Congress is doing?

	9/07	6/07	4/07	3/07	10/13- 16/06+	9/8- 11/06+	7/06	<i>High</i>	<i>Low</i>	[146]
								9/98	4/92+	
Approve.....	23	23	31	31	16	20	25	61	15	
Disapprove.....	65	64	52	53	75	65	60	28	78	
Not sure.....	12	13	17	16	9	15	15	11	7	
	<u>6/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>11/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	
	23	22	33	29	25	28	29	28	33	
	64	65	53	56	60	57	53	55	51	
	13	13	14	15	15	15	18	17	16	
	<u>4/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	
	39	41	40	39	46	39	43	39	43	
	46	40	42	43	41	47	45	45	43	
	15	19	18	18	13	14	11	16	14	
	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	
	42	44	44	40	34	43	54	57	47	
	39	39	40	44	48	41	29	29	34	
	19	17	16	16	18	16	17	14	19	
	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>12/00</u>	<u>10/00+</u>	<u>9/00+</u>	<u>7/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	
	43	45	48	55	49	46	46	43	42	
	33	32	35	30	35	41	42	46	44	
	24	23	17	15	16	13	12	11	14	
	<u>3/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	
	43	48	45	42	40	43	40	49	50	
	40	36	42	45	49	41	42	38	40	
	17	16	13	13	11	16	18	13	10	
	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>10/94+</u>	<u>9/94</u>						
	44	48	24	23						
	42	39	67	67						
	14	13	9	10						

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5. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (**IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:**) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (**IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:**) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent?

Strong Democrat.....	19	[147]
Not very strong Democrat.....	11	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	12	
Strictly independent.....	18	
Independent/lean Republican.....	9	
Not very strong Republican.....	9	
Strong Republican.....	16	
Other.....	5	
Not sure/nothing.....	1	

6. Now I'm going to read you the names of several public figures and organizations, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
George W. Bush							[148]
September 2007.....	18	18	11	13	40	-	
July 2007.....	13	20	11	15	41	-	
June 2007.....	12	20	11	15	42	-	
April 2007.....	17	19	13	14	37	-	
March 2007.....	18	20	9	14	39	-	
January 2007.....	17	18	12	17	35	1	
December 2006.....	19	19	10	15	37	-	
October 28-30, 2006+.....	23	17	10	14	36	-	
October 13-16, 2006+.....	19	20	9	15	37	-	
September 30-October 2, 2006+....	22	18	10	14	35	1	
September 8-11, 2006+.....	23	19	9	13	36	-	
July 2006.....	21	18	10	15	36	-	
June 2006.....	18	21	9	15	37	-	
April 2006.....	19	20	9	15	37	-	
March 2006.....	20	19	11	14	36	-	
January 2006.....	24	17	12	13	33	1	
November 2005.....	20	18	12	15	35	-	
September 2005.....	24	18	10	14	34	-	
July 2005.....	27	20	10	15	28	-	
May 2005.....	27	22	10	12	29	-	
February 2005.....	31	20	9	13	27	-	
January 2005.....	32	19	9	15	25	-	
June 2004+.....	33	15	8	14	30	-	
January 2004.....	38	17	8	13	24	-	
September 2003.....	35	17	9	15	23	1	
January 2003.....	36	20	12	16	16	-	
October 2002+.....	37	24	11	12	15	1	
July 2002.....	40	26	11	11	12	-	
June 2001.....	30	23	16	15	15	1	
January 2001.....	25	25	18	13	17	2	
<i>High</i>							
December 2001.....	54	26	9	6	5	-	
<i>Low</i>							
June 2007.....	12	20	11	15	42	-	

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	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
The Democratic Party							[149]
September 2007 *	8	26	27	22	16	1	
July 2007	15	27	21	20	15	2	
June 2007	12	30	22	19	16	1	
January 2007	13	29	26	16	14	2	
December 2006	17	29	23	19	10	2	
October 28-30, 2006+	14	25	25	18	17	1	
October 13-16, 2006+	11	26	26	19	16	2	
September 30-October 2, 2006+....	9	29	26	17	17	2	
September 8-11, 2006+....	11	23	24	21	19	2	
July 2006	7	25	27	22	17	2	
June 2006	10	25	25	22	17	1	
April 2006	9	24	27	23	16	1	
March 2006	8	24	30	22	15	1	
January 2006	11	25	28	20	15	1	
November 2005	8	25	29	20	16	2	
October 2005	10	24	32	19	13	2	
September 2005	11	26	29	18	14	2	
July 2005	9	25	28	22	14	2	
May 2005	12	26	26	20	14	2	
February 2005	14	28	28	16	13	1	
December 2004	18	26	22	19	14	1	
October 2004+	17	25	22	16	19	1	
September 2004+	16	26	20	18	19	1	
August 2004+	17	24	23	16	19	1	
July 2004+	16	25	24	19	14	2	
September 2003	11	29	22	19	16	3	
July 2003	11	25	25	20	16	3	
December 2002	13	27	27	16	15	2	
July 2002	10	29	25	21	13	2	
July 2000+	19	27	24	15	14	1	
<i>High</i>							
January 2000	20	30	23	15	10	2	
<i>Low</i>							
July 2006	7	25	27	22	17	2	
Alberto Gonzales							[150]
September 2007 *	4	9	24	13	27	23	
April 2007	3	11	22	16	20	28	
February 2005	8	16	21	8	8	39	
January 2005	9	12	19	7	6	47	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

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Q.6 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
The Republican Party							[151]
September 2007 **.....	8	23	20	27	20	2	
July 2007.....	8	25	19	23	23	2	
June 2007.....	7	21	21	23	26	2	
January 2007.....	10	23	21	23	21	2	
December 2006.....	11	22	19	22	24	2	
October 28-30, 2006+.....	15	20	16	20	28	1	
October 13-16, 2006+.....	11	21	18	19	30	1	
September 30-October 2, 2006+....	11	26	18	17	27	1	
September 8-11, 2006+.....	13	24	17	20	25	1	
July 2006.....	11	22	18	21	25	3	
June 2006.....	10	24	18	21	26	1	
April 2006.....	9	26	20	21	22	2	
March 2006.....	10	24	21	22	21	2	
January 2006.....	13	24	20	20	22	1	
November 2005.....	9	23	23	19	24	2	
October 2005.....	13	23	23	20	19	2	
September 2005.....	14	23	20	19	22	2	
July 2005.....	12	26	20	21	20	1	
May 2005.....	13	27	17	19	22	2	
February 2005.....	17	27	19	18	18	1	
December 2004.....	19	27	18	16	18	2	
October 2004+.....	20	24	18	15	22	1	
September 2004+.....	21	22	16	18	22	1	
August 2004+.....	18	26	17	16	22	1	
July 2004+.....	18	25	20	18	18	1	
September 2003.....	17	26	17	19	18	3	
July 2003.....	18	30	16	16	16	3	
December 2002.....	21	26	22	15	14	2	
July 2002.....	18	25	22	17	14	4	
July 2000+.....	15	28	24	16	15	2	
<i>High</i>							
December 2001.....	21	36	18	13	9	3	
<i>Low</i>							
June 2007.....	7	21	21	23	26	2	
Ben Bernanke							[152]
September 2007 **.....	2	9	15	5	2	67	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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Q.6 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
Hillary Clinton							[153/158]
September 2007 ¹	20	24	13	13	29	1	
July 2007.....	20	24	16	12	27	1	
June 2007.....	18	24	15	16	26	1	
March 2007.....	16	23	17	15	28	1	
December 2006.....	21	22	17	12	26	2	
April 2006.....	19	19	19	13	28	2	
December 2004.....	24	21	14	11	29	1	
December 13, 2003.....	21	25	12	12	30	1	
July 2003.....	16	21	20	13	27	3	
March 2001.....	16	19	15	18	31	1	
January 2001.....	27	22	13	12	24	2	
December 2000.....	27	23	16	10	23	1	
October 2000+.....	20	19	15	14	31	1	
September 2000+.....	19	23	16	13	28	1	
June 2000+.....	19	22	16	13	29	1	
April 2000+.....	18	22	18	12	27	3	
March 2000+.....	18	24	19	15	23	1	
January 2000.....	21	23	18	13	24	1	
December 1999.....	19	22	17	13	28	1	
October 1999.....	21	24	13	16	25	1	
<i>High</i>							
January 1999.....	35	23	16	11	14	1	
<i>Low</i>							
March 2001.....	16	19	15	18	31	1	
Bill Richardson							[154/159]
September 2007 ¹	4	16	26	8	3	43	
Joe Biden							[155/160]
September 2007 ¹	4	13	26	11	11	35	
December 2006.....	3	14	23	10	6	44	
June 2004+.....	5	11	25	6	4	49	

¹ Asked only of respondents who say they are Democrats (Q.5) and half (FORM A) of everyone else (729 total respondents).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q.6 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
Barack Obama							[156/161]
September 2007 ²	15	27	23	13	12	10	
July 2007.....	16	26	24	12	10	12	
April 2007.....	19	26	25	8	6	16	
March 2007.....	18	19	26	11	6	20	
December 2006.....	17	18	18	7	6	34	
October 28-30, 2006+.....	14	17	18	5	6	40	
John Edwards							[157/162]
September 2007 ²	12	29	22	14	13	10	
July 2007.....	12	25	26	14	13	10	
June 2007.....	12	24	29	12	14	9	
March 2007	8	25	32	12	11	12	
December 2006.....	11	23	26	13	8	19	
December 2004.....	16	24	24	16	13	7	
October 2004+.....	18	24	21	13	20	4	
September 2004+.....	20	21	21	14	17	7	
August 2004+.....	19	22	25	15	13	6	
July 2004+.....	18	26	26	12	8	10	
June 2004+.....	10	22	29	11	4	24	
March 2004.....	12	24	27	14	6	17	
January 2004.....	4	12	24	8	6	45	
December 13, 2003.....	3	14	21	8	5	49	
Fred Thompson							[163/169]
September 2007 ³	12	16	22	12	10	28	
July 2007.....	6	15	23	9	5	42	
June 2007.....	10	13	23	6	4	44	
April 2007.....	8	14	19	3	1	55	
September 1997.....	6	10	16	4	3	61	
July 1997.....	6	12	16	4	3	59	
June 1997.....	5	7	15	2	2	69	

² Asked only of respondents who say they are Democrats (Q.5) and half (FORM B) of everyone else (701 total respondents).

³ Asked only of respondents who say they are Republicans (Q.5) and half (FORM A) of everyone else (644 total respondents).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q.6 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
John McCain							[164/170]
September 2007 ³	9	27	26	18	11	9	
July 2007.....	7	28	25	20	9	11	
April 2007.....	11	31	27	15	7	9	
March 2007.....	12	31	25	15	9	8	
December 2006.....	13	33	22	16	4	12	
June 2006	11	29	29	11	5	15	
April 2006.....	12	27	28	13	6	14	
August 2004+.....	18	33	26	8	4	11	
July 2004+.....	19	30	30	9	2	10	
May 2004+.....	20	30	26	8	5	11	
July 2002.....	12	29	27	10	5	17	
April 2002.....	18	29	25	9	3	16	
June 2001.....	15	29	26	11	6	13	
April 2001.....	17	30	25	9	3	16	
January 2001.....	16	28	29	7	3	17	
July 2000+.....	18	32	25	9	6	10	
April 2000+.....	16	30	27	12	5	10	
January 2000.....	14	20	27	8	3	28	
December 1999.....	12	22	24	4	2	36	
<i>High</i>							
May 2004+.....	20	30	26	8	5	11	
<i>Low</i>							
October 1999.....	9	20	22	5	2	42	
Mike Huckabee							[165/171]
September 2007 ³	4	12	22	7	5	50	
Mitt Romney							[166/172]
September 2007 ⁴	6	18	26	14	11	25	
June 2007.....	5	16	23	13	7	36	
March 2007.....	4	11	24	11	6	44	
December 2006.....	3	8	22	7	4	56	
Rudy Giuliani							[167/173]
September 2007 ⁴	15	28	20	15	15	7	
March 2007.....	21	37	21	8	6	7	
December 2006.....	19	36	22	9	5	9	
August 2004+.....	29	29	20	7	4	11	
December 2001.....	61	23	9	1	1	5	
Larry Craig							[168/174]
September 2007 ⁴	-	4	18	11	19	48	

³ Asked only of respondents who say they are Republicans (Q.5) and half (FORM A) of everyone else (644 total respondents).

⁴ Asked only of respondents who say they are Republicans (Q.5) and half (FORM B) of everyone else (680 total respondents).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

7. Let me list some issues. Please tell me which one or two of these items you think should be the top priorities for President Bush to address. (**IF MORE THAN TWO, ASK:**) Well, if you had to choose just one or two, which do you think should be the TOP priorities?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

	<u>9/07</u>	<u>4/07</u>
The war in Iraq.....	47	50
Health care.....	31	23
Illegal immigration.....	26	21
Job creation and economic growth.....	24	16
Terrorism.....	20	18
The environment and global warming.....	12	12
The federal budget deficit ¹	8	8
The home mortgage and housing markets.....	7	NA
Energy and the cost of gas.....	NA	18
Other (VOL).....	1	1
All equally (VOL).....	4	5
None of these (VOL).....	-	-
Not sure.....	-	-

¹Prior to September 2007, the item was phrased, "Reducing the federal budget deficit."

8. What is your preference for the outcome of next year's congressional elections—a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats?

	<u>9/07+</u>	<u>10/28- 30/06+</u>	<u>10/13- 16/06+</u>	<u>9/30- 10/2/06+</u>	<u>9/8- 11/06+</u>	<u>7/06+</u>	<u>6/06+</u>	<u>4/06+</u>	<u>3/06+</u>	
Republican-controlled Congress.....	35	37	37	39	39	38	38	39	37	[179]
Democrat-controlled Congress.....	47	52	52	48	48	48	49	45	50	
Not sure.....	18	11	11	13	13	14	13	16	13	
		<u>1/06+</u>	<u>12/05+</u>	<u>11/05+</u>	<u>10/05+</u>	<u>7/05+</u>	<u>5/05+</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	
		38	38	37	39	40	40	43	42	
		47	46	48	48	45	47	44	46	
		15	16	15	13	15	13	13	12	
	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	
	42	41	42	42	42	43	42	43	42	
	44	44	45	43	42	42	42	41	41	
	14	15	13	15	16	15	16	16	17	
	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>
	44	42	40	39	39	42	41	37	41	40
	40	40	44	41	43	41	40	43	43	39
	16	18	16	20	18	17	19	20	16	21
	<u>6/98</u>	<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>12/95</u>	<u>10/94</u>
	39	41	40	41	41	45	44	41	42	44
	40	37	42	37	39	39	38	38	41	38
	21	22	18	22	20	16	18	21	17	18

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

9. How closely are you following the 2008 presidential race—very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely, or not closely at all?

	<u>9/07</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>10/00</u> ¹	[180]
Very closely.....	22	25	26	39	
Somewhat closely.....	46	48	47	47	
Not too closely.....	24	18	17	11	
Not closely at all.....	8	9	10	3	
Not sure.....	-	-	-	-	

¹ In October 2000, the question was phrased, "How closely are you following the 2000 presidential race . . . ?"

10. I'm going to read you two statements about the presidential race. Please tell me which comes closer to your point of view.*

Statement A: The presidential race beginning so early this time around has a POSITIVE effect, because it gives voters more of a chance to learn about the candidates and their positions on the issues.

Statement B: The presidential race beginning so early this time around has a NEGATIVE effect, because candidates will raise and spend too much money and voters will lose interest in the campaign.

Statement A/positive effect.....	36	[208]
Statement B/negative effect.....	57	
Some of both (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	3	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

11. Putting aside for a moment the question of who each party's nominee might be, what is your preference for the outcome of the 2008 presidential election—that a Democrat be elected president or that a Republican be elected president? (**IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:**) And do you strongly prefer a (Democrat/Republican), or is your preference not that strong?

	<u>9/07</u>	<u>4/07</u>	
Democrat			
Strongly.....	41	39	[209]
Not strongly.....	8	10	
Republican			
Not strongly.....	8	6	
Strongly.....	28	25	
Other (VOL).....	4	6	
Not sure.....	11	14	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY INDEPENDENT, OTHER, OR NOT SURE IN Q.5.)

12. If there were a presidential primary election in your state, would you vote in the Democratic primary, the Republican primary, or would you wait to vote in the general election?

Vote in the Democratic primary.....	17	CONTINUE	[210]
Vote in the Republican primary.....	15	Skip to Q.16	
Wait until the general election.....	60		
None/other (VOL).....	6	Skip to Q.19a	
Not sure.....	2		

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A DEMOCRAT IN Q.5 OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN Q.12.)

13. Let me mention some people who have said that they will seek the Democratic nomination for president in 2008. If the next Democratic primary for president were being held today, for which one of the following candidates would you vote? **(IF "NOT SURE," ASK:** Well, which way do you lean?

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	<u>9/07</u>	<u>7/07</u>	<u>6/07</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>12/06</u>	
Hillary Clinton.....	44	43	39	36	40	37	[211-212]
Barack Obama.....	23	22	25	31	28	18	
John Edwards.....	16	13	15	20	15	14	
Bill Richardson.....	4	6	4	2	5	2	
Dennis Kucinich.....	3	2	3	1	1	NA	
Joe Biden.....	2	5	4	3	2	4	
Chris Dodd.....	1	1	1	-	1	NA	
Mike Gravel.....	-	-	-	-	NA	NA	
Other (VOL).....	1	1	2	1	1	17	
None (VOL).....	1	2	2	1	1	3	
Not sure.....	5	5	5	5	5	5	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A DEMOCRAT IN Q.5 OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN Q.12.)

14. Which of the following candidates do you think has the best chance to defeat the Republican candidate and win back the White House? **(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY SOMEONE ELSE:)** Who do you think has the best chance to defeat the Republican candidate and win back the White House?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

	<u>9/07</u>	<u>4/07</u>	
Hillary Clinton.....	54	39	[213]
Barack Obama.....	18	32	
John Edwards.....	15	22	
Bill Richardson.....	3	NA	
Al Gore.....	1	NA	
Others.....	1	-	
None (VOL).....	-	1	
Not sure.....	9	6	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A DEMOCRAT IN Q.5 OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN Q.12.)

15. Which is more important to you—a Democratic nominee who has the best chance of defeating the Republican nominee or a Democratic nominee who agrees with you on most issues?

Best chance of defeating the Republican.....	40	[221]
Agrees on most issues.....	48	
Both equally important (VOL).....	10	
Not sure.....	2	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A REPUBLICAN IN Q.5 OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE IN THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY IN Q.12.)

16. Let me mention some people who have said that they will seek the Republican nomination for president in 2008. If the next Republican primary for president were being held today, for which one of the following candidates would you vote? **(IF "NOT SURE," ASK:** Well, which way do you lean?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

	<u>9/07</u>	<u>7/07</u>	<u>6/07</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>12/06</u>	
Rudy Giuliani.....	32	33	29	33	38	34	[222-223]
Fred Thompson.....	26	20	20	17	NA	NA	
John McCain.....	14	17	14	22	24	29	
Mitt Romney.....	11	11	14	12	8	8	
Mike Huckabee.....	4	1	3	2	2	2	
Ron Paul.....	2	2	2	NA	NA	NA	
Sam Brownback.....	1	2	1	1	2	2	
Duncan Hunter.....	1	1	1	1	1	NA	
Tom Tancredo.....	1	1	1	NA	NA	NA	
Other (VOL).....	-	1	1	1	1	3	
None (VOL).....	2	2	1	2	3	3	
Not sure.....	6	7	10	9	9	8	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A REPUBLICAN IN Q.5 OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE IN THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY IN Q.12.)

17. Which of the following candidates do you think has the best chance to defeat the Democratic candidate and retain the White House? **(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY SOMEONE ELSE:)** Who do you think has the best chance to defeat the Democratic candidate and retain the White House?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

	<u>9/07</u>	<u>4/07</u>	
Rudy Giuliani.....	39	48	[224]
Fred Thompson.....	26	11	
John McCain.....	13	21	
Mitt Romney.....	10	7	
Others.....	1	1	
None (VOL).....	1	2	
Not sure.....	10	10	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A REPUBLICAN IN Q.5 OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE IN THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY IN Q.12.)

18. Which is more important to you--a Republican nominee who has the best chance of defeating the Democratic nominee or a Republican nominee who agrees with you on most issues?

Best chance of defeating the Democrat.....	26	[232]
Agrees on most issues.....	62	
Both equally important (VOL).....	10	
Not sure.....	2	

- 19a. If the next election for president were held today, and Mitt Romney were the Republican candidate and Hillary Clinton were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?

	9/07	12/06+	
Mitt Romney.....	38	37	[233/238]
Hillary Clinton.....	51	47	
Depends (VOL).....	-	2	
Neither/other (VOL).....	6	5	
Not sure.....	5	9	

- 19b. If the next election for president were held today, and Mitt Romney were the Republican candidate and Barack Obama were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?

Mitt Romney.....	34	[234/239]
Barack Obama.....	51	
Depends (VOL).....	1	
Neither/other (VOL).....	7	
Not sure.....	7	

- 19c. If the next election for president were held today, and Fred Thompson were the Republican candidate and Barack Obama were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?

	9/07	6/07	
Fred Thompson.....	38	31	[235/240]
Barack Obama.....	47	50	
Depends (VOL).....	1	2	
Neither/other (VOL).....	6	7	
Not sure.....	8	10	

- 19d. If the next election for president were held today, and Fred Thompson were the Republican candidate and Hillary Clinton were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?

	9/07	4/07	
Fred Thompson.....	41	40	[236/241]
Hillary Clinton.....	50	46	
Depends (VOL).....	1	2	
Neither/other (VOL).....	4	5	
Not sure.....	4	7	

- 19e. If the next election for president were held today, and Rudy Giuliani were the Republican candidate and Hillary Clinton were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote? *

	9/07 *	7/07	6/07	3/07	
Rudy Giuliani.....	42	41	43	47	[237]
Hillary Clinton.....	49	47	48	42	
Depends (VOL).....	-	1	1	3	
Neither/other (VOL).....	5	7	5	4	
Not sure.....	4	4	3	4	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 19f. If the next election for president were held today, and Mike Huckabee were the Republican candidate and Hillary Clinton were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote? **

Mike Huckabee.....	36	[238]
Hillary Clinton.....	50	
Depends (VOL).....	1	
Neither/other (VOL).....	7	
Not sure.....	6	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 20a. Assume for a moment that a Republican wins the 2008 general election, which of the following Republican candidates would you be most comfortable with as president?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF DEMOCRATS

	<u>Democrats (Q.5)</u>	<u>Independents (Q.5)</u>	
John McCain.....	26	20	[243]
Rudy Giuliani.....	26	28	
Fred Thompson.....	16	24	
Mitt Romney.....	9	8	
None of these (VOL).....	15	9	
Other (VOL).....	1	1	
Not sure.....	7	10	

- 20b. Assume for a moment that a Democrat wins the 2008 general election, which of the following Democratic candidates would you be most comfortable with as president?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF REPUBLICANS

	<u>Republicans (Q.5)</u>	<u>Independents (Q.5)</u>	
Barack Obama.....	26	25	[244]
Bill Richardson.....	23	11	
John Edwards.....	20	22	
Hillary Clinton.....	14	29	
None of these (VOL).....	10	3	
Other (VOL).....	1	1	
Not sure.....	6	9	

21. How confident are you that (**READ ITEM**) has the skills and ability necessary to be president—extremely confident, quite confident, only somewhat confident, or not at all confident?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY EXTREMELY OR QUITE CONFIDENT

	<u>Extremely Confident</u>	<u>Quite Confident</u>	<u>Somewhat Confident</u>	<u>Not At All Confident</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Hillary Clinton.....	27	19	22	30	2	[245]
Rudy Giuliani.....	14	22	36	22	6	[247]
Barack Obama.....	13	19	38	23	7	[249]
John McCain.....	11	20	39	22	8	[248]
John Edwards.....	11	20	38	24	7	[246]
Fred Thompson.....	10	13	33	25	19	[252]
Mitt Romney.....	6	12	37	25	20	[251]
Bill Richardson.....	4	9	34	23	30	[250]

22. I'm going to read you two statements about the role of government, and I'd like to know which one comes closer to your point of view.

Statement A: Government should do more to solve problems and help meet the needs of people, OR

Statement B: Government is doing too many things better left to businesses and individuals.

	9/07**	3/07	1/02	12/97	12/95 ¹	[253]
A/government should do more.....	55	52	45	41	32	
B/government is doing too many things....	38	40	43	51	62	
Some of both (VOL).....	6	6	9	5	NA	
Not sure.....	1	2	3	3	6	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

¹ In December 1995, this question was phrased, "Some people think the government is trying to do too many things that should be left to individuals and businesses. Others think that government should do more to solve our country's problems. Which comes closer to your own view?"

Turning to the economy . . .

23. I'd like you to rate economic conditions in America using a ten-point scale, on which a one means economic conditions are very bad, and a ten means economic conditions are very good. You may use any number from one to ten, depending on how you feel. Using this ten-point scale, how would you rate economic conditions in America today?

	9/07	7/07	7/02	6/97	[254-255]
10, very good.....	3	2	1	3	
9.....	2	2	1	3	
8.....	10	11	8	17	
7.....	20	22	18	24	
6.....	13	16	19	17	
5.....	19	18	22	21	
4.....	13	12	15	8	
3.....	8	7	9	3	
2.....	5	3	2	1	
1, very bad.....	7	6	5	2	
Cannot rate.....	-	1	-	1	
Mean.....	5.3	5.6	5.3	6.2	

24. I'm going to list a number of elements of the economy. For each one, please tell me whether you and your family have been personally affected in a negative way by that element, or not. (**IF "YES, NEGATIVELY AFFECTED," ASK:**) And has this had a very negative effect, or just somewhat of a negative effect? *

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY NEGATIVE EFFECT

	Yes		No		[264]
	Very Negative Effect	Somewhat Negative Effect	Not Had A Negative Effect	Not Sure	
Gas prices.....	57	31	12	-	
Health care costs.....	45	29	26	-	[263]
The federal budget deficit.....	23	33	40	4	[261]
Interest rates.....	20	33	45	2	[262]
Jobs going overseas.....	28	21	49	2	[258]
The decline in home values.....	24	24	51	1	[256]
Changes in the stock market.....	11	34	52	3	[257]
The number of immigrants taking jobs in the United States.....	21	19	57	3	[260]
The subprime mortgage lending situation.....	18	15	62	5	[259]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

25a. Do you currently have a home mortgage?

<u>Yes, have a mortgage.....</u>	51	<u>CONTINUE</u>	[265]
No, do not have a mortgage.....	49	<u>Skip to Q.26</u>	
Not sure.....	-		

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY HAVE A MORTGAGE IN Q.25a.)

25b. How worried are you that you will have difficulty making your mortgage payments over the next year--very worried, fairly worried, only a little worried, or not worried at all?

	9/07	7/07	5/01 ¹	[266]
Very worried.....	10	8	4	
Fairly worried.....	5	7	5	
Only a little worried.....	19	19	19	
Not worried at all.....	66	66	71	
Not sure.....	-	-	1	

¹Comparative data comes from the 2001 Fannie Mae National Housing Survey.

26. As you may know, some homeowners across the country who took out adjustable rate mortgages are having difficulty making their monthly mortgage payments and are facing foreclosure on their homes now that their interest rates have increased. Foreclosure is when a bank sells or repossesses someone's home because they have failed to keep up with mortgage payments. Is it the role of the federal government to take steps to ensure that these people's homes are not foreclosed upon, or is this NOT the role of the federal government?

<u>This is role of the federal government.....</u>	35	[267]
<u>This is NOT the role of the federal government.....</u>	59	
<u>Not sure.....</u>	6	

27. Thinking some more about this situation, who do you think is more to blame—the homeowners who took out loans that they may not be able to pay back OR the mortgage lenders who loaned the money to people who may not be able to pay it back?

<u>Homeowners more to blame.....</u>	27	[268]
<u>Mortgage lenders more to blame.....</u>	48	
<u>Both equally (VOL).....</u>	22	
<u>Neither (VOL).....</u>	1	
<u>Not sure.....</u>	2	

On another topic . . .

28. How worried are you that the United States will experience another major terrorist attack--very worried, fairly worried, only slightly worried, or not really worried at all?

	9/07*	7/07	1/06	7/05	1/02	[269]
Very worried.....	27	30	25	31	30	
Fairly worried.....	25	22	23	27	29	
Only slightly worried.....	34	32	35	29	26	
Not really worried at all.....	13	16	17	12	14	
Not sure.....	1	-	-	1	1	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

29. Do you think that, as a country, we are more safe, about as safe, or less safe than we were before the terrorist attacks of September eleventh, 2001?

	<u>9/07**</u>	<u>7/07</u>	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	
More safe.....	33	34	42	31	41	38	[270]
About as safe.....	33	27	32	37	31	41	
Less safe.....	32	37	23	31	27	20	
Not sure.....	2	2	3	1	1	1	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Turning to the war in Iraq . . .

30. When it comes to the war in Iraq, do you think that removing Saddam Hussein from power was or was not worth the number of U.S. military casualties and the financial cost of the war?

	<u>9/07</u>	<u>1/07</u>	<u>10/28-</u>	<u>30/06+</u>	<u>6/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>11/05</u>	
Worth it.....	35	33	37	40	40	39	42	41	40	40	[271]
Not worth it.....	56	57	54	52	52	51	48	49	52	52	
Depends (VOL).....	4	5	3	4	4	6	5	5	5	5	
Not sure.....	5	5	6	4	4	4	5	5	5	3	
	<u>10/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>		
	40	37	44	40	44	44	40	43	41		
	51	51	49	51	48	49	52	48	50		
	4	5	4	4	4	3	3	6	4		
	5	7	3	5	4	4	5	3	5		
	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	
	40	43	43	40	42	50	52	53	45	45	
	52	49	47	51	47	45	40	37	42	46	
	3	4	4	5	5	1	2	5	6	3	
	5	4	6	4	6	4	5	5	6	5	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

31. Do you think the U.S. goal of achieving victory in Iraq is still possible, or not?

	<u>9/07</u>	<u>7/07</u>	<u>4/07</u>	
Yes, victory in Iraq is still possible.....	37	32	36	[272]
No, victory in Iraq is not still possible.....	56	62	55	
Not sure.....	7	6	9	

32. Do you think the recent increase in troop levels in Iraq is helping the situation there, is hurting the situation there, or is not making a difference either way?

	<u>9/07</u>	<u>7/07</u>	<u>4/07</u>	
Helping the situation.....	33	29	24	[273]
Hurting the situation.....	15	18	22	
Not making a difference either way.....	48	49	48	
Not sure.....	4	4	6	

33. What concerns you more—that Congress will go too far in pressing the President to reduce troop levels in Iraq, or that President Bush will not make enough changes in his Iraq policy?

	<u>9/07</u>	<u>4/07</u>	
Congress will go too far.....	29	31	[274]
President Bush will not make enough changes.....	64	61	
Not sure.....	7	8	

34. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statement: The war in Iraq is part of the larger war against terrorism.

	<u>9/07</u>	<u>7/05</u>	
Agree.....	56	61	[275]
Disagree.....	40	34	
Not sure.....	4	5	

35. As you may know, the U.S. commander in Iraq, General David Petraeus, will soon deliver a report to Congress on the progress of the United States in Iraq and whether the troop surge is working. If General Petraeus reports that the U.S. is making progress and the troop surge is working, would this make you think that victory is still possible, or not?

	ALL	Initially Say Victory	
	ADULTS	Not Possible/ Not Sure (Q.31)	
Yes, victory in Iraq is still possible.....	44	17	[276]
No, victory in Iraq is not still possible.....	51	77	
Not sure.....	5	6	

36. How much confidence do you have that General Petraeus will provide an accurate and objective assessment of how things are going—a great deal of confidence, a fair amount of confidence, just some confidence, or very little confidence?

	<u>9/07</u>	<u>7/07</u>	
A great deal of confidence.....	22	22	[277]
A fair amount of confidence	23	28	
Just some confidence	21	24	
Very little confidence	25	21	
No confidence (VOL)	6	3	
Not sure	3	2	

37. Currently, there are three different interpretations of the recent troop surge and its value in achieving victory in Iraq. Please tell me which comes closest to your point of view.

A: Continuing in the same direction and keeping the troops in Iraq makes sense, as long as military progress is being made.

B: Continuing in the same direction and keeping the troops in Iraq only makes sense if there is progress on Iraq's political and governmental situation.

C: Continuing in the same direction and keeping the troops in Iraq does not make sense, regardless of any military or political progress.

A/keeping troops makes sense as long as there is military progress.....	17	[278]
B/keeping troops only makes sense if there is political progress.....	46	
C/keeping troops does not make sense regardless of military or political progress....	34	
Not sure.....	3	

38. I'm going to read you a number of possible goals for the United States in Iraq. For each one, please tell me whether you think this is an achievable goal, or not.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY ACHIEVABLE GOAL

	Achievable <u>Goal</u>	Not Achievable <u>Goal</u>	Not <u>Sure</u>	
Creating a stable situation that prevents al Qaeda from overrunning Iraq once U.S. troops have been withdrawn.....	44	44	12	[310]
Pulling out all U.S. troops within the next fifteen months.....	43	53	4	[279]
Creating a stable democracy in Iraq.....	41	50	9	[280]
Dividing Iraq into three parts—one controlled by Shiites, one controlled by Sunnis, and one controlled by Kurds.....	34	53	13	[308]
Reducing the civil violence between Shiites and Sunnis.....	30	59	11	[309]

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

39. I'm going to read you several possible outcomes to the war in Iraq. Please tell me which one of these would be the most acceptable outcome to you.

- A)** Maintain the number of troops there now, and U.S. troops leave only after Iraq becomes a stable democracy, however long this takes.
- B)** U.S. troops leave within the next year even if violence in Iraq continues, but some troops remain in the region to prevent the conflict from spreading.
- C)** U.S. troops begin the process of leaving now regardless of conditions in Iraq.

Or are none of these acceptable to do?

	9/07	1/07	
A) Troops leave only after Iraq becomes a stable democracy ¹	24	23	[311]
B) Troops leave within next year but some remain in the region.....	37	40	
C) Troops begin the process of leaving now.....	26	25	
None of these.....	11	10	
Not sure.....	2	2	

¹In January 2007, the item was phrased, "There is an increase in the number of troops now, and U.S. troops leave only after Iraq becomes a stable democracy, however long this takes."

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

- F1. Are you currently registered to vote at this address?

Registered.....	88	[312]
Not registered.....	11	
Not sure	1	

F2. A lot of people are unable to get out and vote for many reasons. Did you happen to vote in the November 2004 election for president? (**IF "YES," ASK:**) For whom did you vote—George W. Bush, John Kerry, or someone else?

Voted—George W. Bush.....	40	[313]
Voted—John Kerry.....	35	
Voted—someone else.....	6	
Voted—refused (VOL).....	2	
Did not vote.....	15	
Not sure.....	2	

F3. Are you currently employed? (**IF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:**) What type of work do you do?

(IF NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

<u>Currently Employed</u>		
Professional/ manager.....	21	[314]
White-collar worker.....	22	
Blue-collar worker.....	15	
Farmer, rancher.....	-	
<u>Not Currently Employed</u>		
Student.....	3	
Homemaker.....	7	
Retired.....	27	
Unemployed, looking for work.....	3	
Other.....	-	
Not sure.....	2	

F4. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Grade school.....	2	[322-323]
Some high school.....	4	
High school graduate.....	23	
Some college, no degree.....	19	
Vocational training/2-year college.....	11	
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	24	
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	3	
2 or 3 years' postgraduate work/master's degree....	10	
Doctoral/law degree.....	3	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

F5. Are you currently single and never married, unmarried and living with a partner, married, separated, widowed, or divorced?

Single.....	18	[324]
Unmarried and living with a partner.....	3	
Married.....	60	
Separated.....	2	
Widowed.....	8	
Divorced.....	8	
Other (VOL).....	-	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

F6. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative? (**IF "LIBERAL" OR "CONSERVATIVE," ASK:**) Do you consider yourself to be very (liberal/conservative) or somewhat (liberal/conservative)?

Very liberal.....	9	[331]
Somewhat liberal.....	17	
Moderate.....	32	
Somewhat conservative.....	20	
Very conservative.....	17	
Not sure.....	5	

F7a. What is your religion?

Protestant (includes Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and other Christians).....	51	CONTINUE	[332]
Catholic.....	25		
Jewish.....	2	Skip to Q.F8	
Muslim.....	1		
Other.....	7		
None.....	11	CONTINUE	
Not sure/refused.....	3		

(**ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY PROTESTANT, OTHER, NONE, OR NOT SURE IN Q.F7a.**)

F7b. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Fundamentalist/evangelical.....	21	[333]
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical.....	46	
Not sure.....	6	
Catholic/Jewish/Muslim (Q.F7a).....	27	

F8. How often do you attend services at a church, synagogue, mosque, or other place of worship?

Never.....	19	[334]
Once a year.....	4	
A few times a year.....	16	
Once a month.....	6	
About twice a month.....	10	
Once a week or more often.....	42	
Not sure.....	3	

F9. Are you a current or retired labor union member? (**ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY NO OR NOT SURE:**) Is anyone else in your household a current or retired labor union member?

Labor union member.....	16	[335-336]
Labor union household.....	8	
Non-union household.....	74	
Not sure.....	2	

- F10. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than ten thousand dollars, between ten thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars, between twenty thousand dollars and thirty thousand dollars, between thirty thousand dollars and forty thousand dollars, between forty thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars, between fifty thousand dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, between seventy-five thousand dollars and one hundred thousand dollars, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	3	[337]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	7	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	8	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	10	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	10	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	17	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	14	
More than \$100,000.....	17	
Not sure/refused.....	14	